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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
MONTREAL

November 4th, 1918

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

My dear Sir Robert:-

I have received your extremely kind and most welcome note of the 12th ultimo, but I have been delayed in replying to it, owing to my absence in Western Canada.

Might I be permitted to say that no congratulations or good wishes are more appreciated than yours, both because they are yours and because they are, in addition, extended on behalf of my Alma Mater.

other Department.

While I have relinquished the practice of my Profession with the greatest possible regret and reluctance, I appreciate that no other decision was possible and that an opportunity for real National service was granted me by the action of our Board.

You will perhaps realize the difficulties of succeeding to a position such as this in times like these, not the least of which is that of succeeding such an outstanding man as my distinguished predecessor. You also know something of the strength of the organization which

It is just slightly over twenty years since I graduated from the University and no one could have entered upon the practice of his Profession more cheerfully, or with a greater desire to follow it to the end, than I did.

Accidental opportunity, and not design, placed me immediately on graduating in Law, in the Law Department of the Company and this offered an opportunity for rather close association with, first the heads of the different Departments, and latterly with the Executive, which would not perhaps have been afforded me in any

has been built up in the past thirty six years, and will understand that I have some grounds for hoping that we may be able to carry on in such a way that public confidence in the Company and in the integrity and fair dealing of its Officers will be maintained.

In the performance efficiently and honestly of our obligations as a Public Service Corporation lies, I think, our first duty in National service and if you add to this the possibilities for development afforded by the widespread activities of the Company, apart from transportation, you will appreciate that a very great opportunity for high

service is afforded us.

I appreciate that the duties and obligations of the Office are onerous, but if I fail it will not be from lack of effort or from any lack of appreciation of what is expected of me.

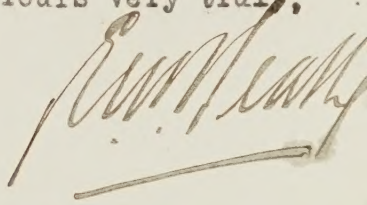
I do not need to assure you that in undertaking this work the kindness and good will of those, who like yourself, have expressed such generous sentiments, will give me the encouragement which is needed if the work is to be successfully accomplished.

I am deeply grateful to you for your letter.

With kindest personal regards,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,



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December 7th, 1918

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,

President, Canadian Pacific Railway,

Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:

On Monday night, December 16th, at 8:30, we are holding a meeting of the Alumni of the University to discuss what we shall do in the way of creating within the University some memorial of those who have fallen in the present war. We are of opinion that we can get the best meeting by having a dinner, and this will be held in the Examination Hall behind the Convocation Hall at half past six in the evening. I know how very busy you are, but if it were at all possible for you to be here that evening your presence and your opinion would be greatly appreciated.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

December 16th, 1915

E. W. Beatty, Esq.,

President, Canadian Pacific Railway,

Montreal.

Dear Mr. Beatty:

Many thanks for your letter. I am sorry that you will not be able to be here next Monday night, but I quite understand that the pressure of affairs is so great that it might be very inconvenient for you. I am glad also to have your views and I will, with your permission, read your letter at the banquet next Monday evening.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.